

SWOSU PLC Tours Quartz Mountain Area

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The students, along with SWOSU President Randy Beutler, toured several sites in southwest Oklahoma and spent one night at the Quartz Mountain Resort Lodge.

Senator Schulz and Buchanan were the students' hosts and tour guides for the weekend.

The students first toured the Cotton Growers Gin on the west side of Altus that allowed the students to see the operation of a cotton gin. The students also saw how Lugert-Altus Irrigation District handles water distribution to its members. The students were then treated to dinner sponsored by the Lugert-Altus Irrigation District before spending the night at Quartz Mountain Lodge. On the next day, the SWOSU delegation started with a tour of the Lake Lugert Dam area and some of the outlying canal ways. After lunch, the students spent the afternoon exploring and hiking within Quartz Mountain State Park.

The SWOSU President's Leadership Class program is in its fifth year of existence on the Weatherford campus. Prospective students go through a resume review and interview process prior to the selections. Each year SWOSU selects approximately 15 student leaders to participate in the program. Selected students enroll in a four-semester leadership course and afterwards earn an opportunity to take a university-supported trip to Washington D.C with President Beutler.

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